

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 24, 2003

FROM: KEN A. MILLER, Director
Department of Public Works - **Transportation**

**SUBJECT: CEQA EXEMPTION, PLANS, AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD
IMPROVEMENTS ON MAPLE AVENUE IN THE RIALTO AND FONTANA
AREAS**

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Find that the project for the overlay of Maple Avenue from Barbee Street north to the City of Fontana City Limits in the Fontana and Rialto areas is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Class 1, Section 15301(c) {Minor Alterations}; and (2) Approve the project as defined in the Notice of Exemption and direct the Clerk of the Board to post the Notice of Exemption, (3) Approve plans and specifications; and (4) Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The existing asphalt concrete paving along 0.60 miles of Maple Avenue, from Barbee Street north to the City of Fontana City Limits, in the Fontana and Rialto areas has deteriorated and is in need of rehabilitation. The Department has reviewed the roadway and has determined that it is in need of asphalt concrete removal and replacement. In addition, the installation of curb, gutter and pavement widening in three areas is necessary to improve drainage.

The work will be performed within the existing road right-of-way. Environmental staff of the Advance Planning Division of the Land Use Services Department has reviewed this item and recommended a categorical exemption for this project. This project qualifies for an exemption in accordance with CEQA guidelines Section 15301(c). An exempt project allows for minor repairs and alterations with negligible expansion of the existing use. As such, when the Board considers the environmental findings, the filing of a Notice of Exemption is required. Board approval is also required to approve plans and specifications for bids on local agency construction projects in accordance with Sections 20124 and 20125 of the California Public Contract Code.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Charles S. Scolastico on currently reviewing and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on June 14, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The actions to find the project categorically exempt under CEQA, approve plans and specifications, and to authorize advertisement for bids have minimal financial impact. Upon receipt of a satisfactory bid, a recommendation of award of contract will be forwarded to the Board as a separate item. The total project cost is estimated at \$175,000, which will be financed by Measure "I" funds that are included in the Fiscal Year 2003/2004 Transportation proposed Budget (SAA-TRA-TRA-15 T01309).

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): 5TH

PRESENTER: Ken A. Miller, 387-7906

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